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Broadcasting: Live on laola1.tv



Press conference:

It will take place on Friday 2nd February at 6:00pm, at the time of the draw. Players will be available to journalists for questions and interviews.

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A little bit of history...

The European Top 16 is the major competition of the continent in table tennis! The first edition was held in Yugoslavia in 1971 and was competing with the 12 best players (Top 12). Since 2015, the European Table Tennis Union (ETTU) has decided to extend the tournament to the 16 best players.

Top 16 Cup Montreux 2018

In Montreux, the Top 16 will bring together this year the 15 best table tennis players in both men and women categories, as well as Switzerland's best-ranked man and woman.

It will be played in a knockout format, which will start at the round of 16 stage. The draw will take place the day before the tournament, on Friday 2nd February at 6:00pm.

Each game will be contested in four winning sets of eleven points (with two points difference).

The Top 3 men and women qualify for the ITTF Men's and Women's World Cups later this year.

ITTF Women's World Cup will be in Chengdu (China), 28-30 September and the ITTF Men's World Cup will take place in Paris (France) 19-21 October.

1

Ovtcharov's current position in the world ranking

2

The number of participating Swiss players. They are Rachel Moret and Lionel Weber

3

The number of Top-10 world ranking players competing in the male side

1'200

The hosting capacity of the « Salle omnisports du Pierrier »

48

This is the 48th edition of the European Top 16 (formerly Top 12 until 2015)

32

The total number of games and also of participants

5'276

The number of table tennis players in Switzerland

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

TIME

10:00 - 13:30
13:30 - 14:00
14:00 - 17:30
17:30 - 18:00
18:00 - 21:30

GAME

Women's and Men's Singles Round of 16
Break
Women's and Men's Singles Round of 16
Break
Women's and Men's Singles 1/4 Final

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

TIME

10:00 – 13:30
13:30 – 14:30
14:30 – 16:10
16:10 – 18:00

GAME

Women's and Men's Singles 1/2 Final
Break
Women's and Men's Singles Positions 3-4
Women's and Men's Singles Final

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Time	Event
10:00	Women's Singles Round of 16
10:00	Men's Singles Round of 16
10:50	Women's Singles Round of 16
10:50	Men's Singles Round of 16
11:40	Women's Singles Round of 16
11:40	Men's Singles Round of 16
12:30	Women's Singles Round of 16
12:30	Men's Singles Round of 16
13:30	BREAK
14:00	Women's Singles Round of 16
14:00	Men's Singles Round of 16
14:50	Women's Singles Round of 16
14:50	Men's Singles Round of 16
15:40	Women's Singles Round of 16
15:40	Men's Singles Round of 16
16:30	Women's Singles Round of 16
16:30	Men's Singles Round of 16
17:30	BREAK
18:00	Women's Singles 1/4 F
18:00	Men's Singles 1/4 F
18:50	Women's Singles 1/4 F
18:50	Men's Singles 1/4 F
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19:40	Men's Singles 1/4 F
20:30	Women's Singles 1/4 F
20:30	Men's Singles 1/4 F

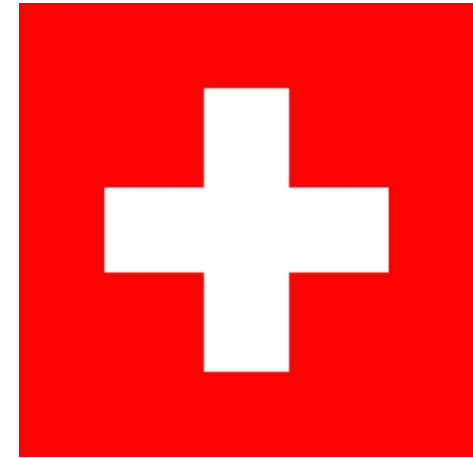
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Time	Event
10:00	Women's Singles 1/2 F
10:50	Women's Singles 1/2 F
11:40	Men's Singles 1/2 F
12:30	Men's Singles 1/2 F
13:30	BREAK
14:30	Women's Singles Pos 3-4
15:20	Men's Singles Pos 3-4
16:10	Women's Singles Final
17:00	Men's Singles Final

WEBER Lionel172nd WR/ SwissBorn on 29th April of 1996

Playing for St. Louis (France)

Playing hand: right

«I want to create the sensation in Montreux»

Qualified thanks to his status of the best Swiss player, it will be a great discovery for the 21 year old. He will obviously have much to do, as the youngest of the competition and less ranked. But he will have nothing to lose in Montreux in front of his audience.



OVTCHAROV Dimitrij

WR: 1st

Date of birth: 02/09/1988

Germany

Dimitrij "Dima" Ovtcharov is one of the favorites of the competition. A three-time champion and recent World Cup winner in Liège, Dima is the hottest player at the moment. He has even reached the world's number one ranking in January.



BOLL Timo

WR: 3rd

Date of birth: 08/03/1981

Germany

Timo Boll is the other favorite of the tournament. A true legend of table tennis, the 36-year-old German is very experienced. He was a runner-up in the last World Cup and could take his revenge against his compatriot Ovtcharov.



GAUZY Simon

WR: 9th

Date of birth: 25/10/1994

France

Frenchman Simon Gauzy is a serious contender. 4th at the last World Cup, he could be the one to prevent a German victory. He took the 3rd place at the last edition of the Top 16, in Antibes.

* Players are ranked in the seed order, which is based on the ITTF ranking of December 2017. The world ranking is representative of the last update of January 2018.



SAMSONOV Vladimir
 WR: 25th / Belarus
 Date of birth: 17/04/1976

The Belarusian is the oldest player in the tournament. His experience can allow him to go far and he is seeking revenge for last year where he lost his 3 matches in the group phase.



FILUS Ruwen
 WR: 18th / Germany
 Date of birth: 14/02/1988

One of the only defenders of the tournament, the German will participate for the first time in the Top 16.



FREITAS Marcos
 WR: 12th / Portugal
 Date of birth: 08/04/1988

Accustomed to the Swiss Open in Lausanne, the Portuguese is well known by the Swiss audience. Winner of the Top 12 in Lausanne in 2014, can he repeat his performance in Montreux?



KARLSSON Kristian
 WR: 22nd / Sweden
 Date of birth: 08/08/1991

The Swedish had reached 4th place in the 2015 Top 16 in Gondomar (Portugal). Will he once again be able to reach the semi-finals in Montreux?



SHIBAEV Aleksandr
WR: 59th / Russia
Date of birth: 09/09/1990

Runner-up last year in Antibes, Shibaev surprised everyone. He will be keen to show that he did not reach the final by chance.



STEGER Bastian
WR: 31st / Germany
Date of birth: 19/03/1981

The German player has a game focused on the attack and he has a very good backhand.



GROTH Jonathan
WR: 36th / Denmark
Date of birth: 02/11/1992

2016 European Double Champion with German Patrick Franziska, the Danish also won the Croatian Open in 2016.



LEBESSON Emmanuel
WR: 26th / France
Date of birth: 24/04/1988

In 2016, he made history by winning the European Championship against his compatriot Gauzy in the final.



APOLONIA Tiago
WR: 40th / Portugal
Date of birth: 28/07/1986

The Swiss public has already had the opportunity to see the Portuguese play in Lausanne during the Swiss Open.



KARLSSON Mattias
WR: 32nd / Sweden
Date of birth: 07/09/1991

Very good doubles player with several European medals. But since 2015, he has progressed a lot in singles. Note that he is not related to Kristian Karlsson.



GIONIS Panagiotis
WR: 95th / Greece
Date of birth: 07/01/1980

The 37-year-old Greek player is still spectacular with his defensive game. He had not passed the group stage at the last Top 16 in Antibes.



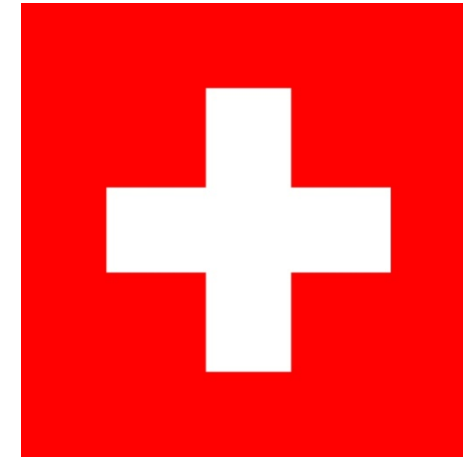
FEGERL Stefan
WR: 53rd / Austria
Date of birth: 12/09/1988

Multiple Austrian champion, Fegerl is an experienced player. He notably helped bring the European Team Championship title to Austria on 2015.

MORET Rachel83rd WR/ SwissBorn on 23rd November of 1989

Playing for ASPC Nîmes (France)

Playing hand: left

«A great test at home »

Qualified thanks to her status of the No. 1 Swiss woman, the “Vaudoise” will have to fight hard to try to go through the group stage. She can rely on a good track record at the national level, with no less than 16 titles gleaned (5 in singles, 5 in mixed doubles and 6 in mixed doubles). Internationally, she also won the Chile Open. She has just been elected “Vaudoise” sportswoman of the year 2017 and dreams of participating in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and has made it one of her major goals.

WOMEN PLAYERS*



LI Jie

WR: 14th

Date of birth: 06/03/1984

Netherlands

The Dutch woman is the defending champion. Li currently plays at the Croatian club Dr. Časl and will do everything she can to defend her title in Montreux.



SAMARA Elizabeta

WR: 26th

Date of birth: 15/03/1989

Romania

Samara won the European Team Championship this year. The Romanian is the 2nd favorite of the tournament.



LIU Jia

WE: 40th

Date of birth: 16/02/1982

Austria

The left-hander has already won the Top 16 once, in 2015. A year later she placed third place and in 2005, she won European Championships.

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WOMEN PLAYERS



POTA Georgina
WR: 20th / Hungary
Date of birth: 13/01/1985

The 32-year-old, fifth in the European standings, also has a good chance of winning. She is a double champion of Europe.



POLCANOVA Sofia
WR: 22nd / Austria
Date of birth: 03/09/1994

The Austrian has recently shown a good level in the league in which she beat Tetyana Bilenko, Britt Eerland and Yu Fu.



SOLJA Petrissa
WR: 70th / Germany
Date of birth: 11/03/1994

She's bronze medalist in mixed doubles at World Championships in 2017 with Fang Bo. She was finalist in Antibes (Top 16) last year.

This year, she's seeking revenge.



LI Qian
WR: 38th / Poland
Date of birth: 30/07/1986

The Pole has already won the Top 12 in Europe, the predecessor of the Top 16. The defender won bronze in the 2015 World Cup in doubles.

WOMEN PLAYERS



EKHOLM Matilda
WR: 25th / Sweden
Date of birth: 15/06/1982

She won the DHS Open in Lausanne last year. The Swede lost in the quarterfinals in the Top 16 last year.



MONTEIRO DODEAN Daniela
WR: 108th / Romania
Date of birth: 13/01/1988

She won the European Team Championships, as well as the title of European Mixed Doubles Champion with her husband, Joao Monteiro.



SZOCS Bernadette
WR: 41st / Romania
Date of birth: 05/03/1995

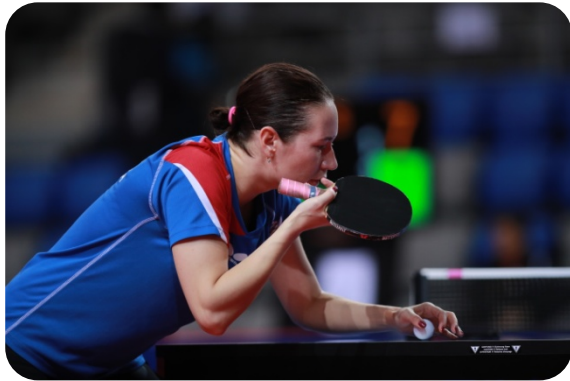
The 22-year-old is the youngest of 16 participants. She participated in the victory of Romania in the European Championship.



NI Xialian
WR: 55th / Luxembourg
Date of birth: 04/07/1963

32 years separates Luxembourgish from Szocs, the youngest participant. At 54 she still belongs to the European's best.

WOMEN PLAYERS



MIKHAILOVA Polina
WR: 49th / Russia
Date of birth: 31/08/1986

She participated in the last Olympic Games in Rio in 2016, where she lost in the second round.



WINTER Sabine
WR: 72nd / Germany
Date of birth: 27/09/1992

In Antibes 2017, she reached a very good 3rd place. In doubles, she won gold with Shan Xiaona at the 2016 European Championships.



BILENKO Tetyana
WR: 95th / Ukraine
Date of birth: 23/11/1983

The 34-year-old Ukrainian competed in the European Team Championships 2017. In the last Top 16, she lost in the group stage.



PAVLOVICH Viktoria
WR: 42nd / Belarus
Date of birth: 08/05/1978

The 39-year-old Belarusian, European champion in 2010 and 2012, relies above all on her defense game to make the show.

The Prize Money is the same for men and women. It will be distributed in this way:

Place	Prize
1 st	6000 €
2 nd	4000 €
3 rd	2500 €
4 th	2000 €
5 th – 8 th	1500 €
9 th – 16 th	1250 €

In 2017, the European Top 16 took place in Antibes (France). Here are the men's and women's podiums:



PLACE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	NATIONALITY
1.	Ovtcharov	Dimitrij	Germany
2.	Shibaev	Alexander	Russia
3.	Gauzy	Simon	France



PLACE	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	NATIONALITY
1.	Jie	Li	Netherlands
2.	Solja	Petrissa	Germany
3.	Winter	Sabine	Germany

PRICES

Category	Saturday	Sunday	2 days
Adult born before 2002	20 CHF	30 CHF	40 CHF
AVS/AI/Young since 2002	10 CHF	20 CHF	25 CHF
Child since 2010	Free	Free	Free

To get your tickets, go here: www.top16montreux.com/billetterie.html

The **Montreux site** offers a dream setting for hosting this Top 16. The city of nearly 27'000 inhabitants is located on the north shore of Lake Geneva and offers a panoramic view of the surrounding area and France facing it. An active and sporting place, with many major events taking place throughout the year.



The « **salle omnisport du Pierrier** », with its hosting capacity of 1'200 people, is a regular at major events, including the Montreux Volley Master, the Nations Cup rink hockey or various gymnastics events.

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